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In re Application of : Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

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For: MULTI-PLATE CLUTCH DEVICE AND : CLUTCH DISK ASSEMBLY :

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Applicants have also included a copy of the Australian Office Action issued in a corresponding application that cites the attached reference.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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